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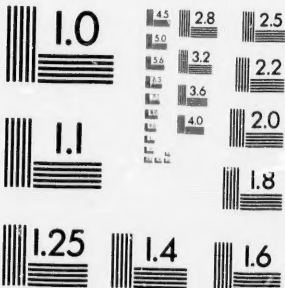
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An Act for the Incorporation of a Company to construct a Rail-road between Bytown and Prescott.

[10th August, 1850.]

WHEREAS the construction of a Rail-way from some point on the River Ottawa at or near the Town of Bytown, in the County of Carleton, to some point, on the River Saint Lawrence, at or near the Town of Prescott in the County of Grenville, would greatly contribute to the facility of intercourse between those parts of this Province lying upon the said Rivers, and to the advancement and prosperity of the country lying upon the said Rivers and along the line of the said Rail-road, and of this Province generally: And whereas the several persons hereinafter named are desirous to make and maintain the said Rail-road: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intitled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Nicholas Sparks, Charles Sparrow, Lyman Perkins, Joseph Aumond, James Brough, Edward McGillivray, William H. Thompson, Peter A. Egleson, Peter R. Riel, Thomas Corcoran, Donald McArthur, Andrew Main, George Patterson, Workman and Griffin, John Durie, John Forgie, George W. Baker, Augustus Keefer, Agar Yielding, John Wade, Richard W. Scott, Robert Lees, John L. Campbell, Edward Masse, William Tormey, Joseph B. Turgeon, John Bedard, John MacKinnon, Richard Stethem, George R. Johnston, George Byron Lyon, John Scott, Samuel Crane, Alfred Hooker, Chauncey H. Peck, William Patrick, Justus S. Merwin, William B. Wells and Read Burritt, together with such person or persons as shall, under the provisions of this Act, become subscribers to and proprietors of any share or shares in the Rail-way hereby authorized to be made and other works and property hereinafter mentioned, and their several and respective heirs, executors, administrators, curators and assigns, being proprietors of any such share or shares, are and shall be, and be united into a Company for carrying on, making, completing and maintaining the said intended Rail-way

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Certain persons incorporated for the purposes of this Act; and certain corporate powers conferred on them.

and other works, according to the rules, orders and directions hereinafter expressed, and shall for that purpose be one body politic and corporate by the name of *The Bytown and Prescott Railway Company*, and by that name shall have perpetual succession and shall have a common seal, and other the usual powers and rights of bodies corporate not inconsistent with this Act, and by that name shall and may sue and be sued, and also shall and may have power and authority to purchase and hold lands (which word shall throughout this Act be understood to include the land and all that is upon or below the surface thereof, and all the real rights and appurtenances thereunto belonging,) for them and their successors and assigns, for the use of the said Rail-way and works, and also to alienate and convey any of the said lands, purchased for the purposes aforesaid, and any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, or communities may give, grant, bargain, sell or convey to the said Company any lands for the purposes aforesaid, and the same may repurchase of the said Company; and the said Company shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered from and after the passing of this Act, by themselves, their deputies, agents, officers, workmen and servants, to make and complete a Rail-way or Rail-ways, to be called *The Bytown and Prescott Rail-way*, with one or more sets of Rails or Tracks, and to be worked by locomotive engines, or on the atmospheric principle, or in such other mode as the said Company may deem expedient, from some place or places on the River Ottawa, at or near Bytown, to some place or places on the River Saint Lawrence, at or near Prescott, and in as direct a line as may be found convenient; and to erect wharves, warehouses, stores and other buildings at either and each termination, and at such other places on the line of the said Railway or Railways as they may deem expedient; and to build or purchase, hold and use one or more steamboats or other vessels to ply on the waters of the said River Ottawa and Saint Lawrence, to any place not more than twelve miles distant from either of the said termini.

II. And be it enacted, That for the purposes aforesaid, the said Company, their deputies, servants, agents and workmen, are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into and upon any lands and grounds of the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, not hereinafter excepted, without leave or license first had and obtained from Her Majesty, or of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate or collegiate, or communities or parties whatsoever, and to survey and take levels of the same, or any part thereof, and to set out and ascertain such parts thereof as they shall think necessary and proper for making the said intended Rail-way and other works hereby authorized, and all such works, matters and conveniences as they shall think proper and necessary for making, effecting, preserving, improving, completing, maintaining and using the said intended Rail-way and other works, and also to bore, dig, cut, trench, get, remove, take, carry away, and lay earth, clay, stone, soil, rubbish, trees, roots of trees, beds of gravel or sand, or any other matters or things which may be dug or got in making the said intended Rail-way or other works, on or out of the lands or grounds of any person or persons adjoining or lying convenient thereto, and which may be proper, requisite or necessary for making or repairing the said intended Rail-way, or the

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III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the said Company shall not carry the said Rail-way along any street or existing highway, but merely cross the same in the line of the said Rail-way, except upon leave obtained from the proper Municipal authority of some County or Town; and before they shall in any way obstruct such street or highway with their works, they shall turn the said highway or street at their own charges so as to leave an open and good passage for carriages, free from obstruction, and when their works are completed, they shall replace the said highway or street, under a penalty of five pounds for any contravention; but in either case the rail itself, provided it does not rise above or sink below the surface of the road more than one inch, shall not be deemed an obstruction.

IV. And be it enacted, That for the purposes of this Act, the said Company shall and may by some sworn Land Surveyor for Upper Canada, and by an Engineer or Engineers by them to be

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IX. And be it enacted, That the said Company, in making the said intended Rail-way, shall not deviate more than two miles from the line of the Rail-way or from the places assigned to the several works of the Company in the map or plan and book of reference deposited aforesaid, nor cut, carry, place, lay down or convey the said Rail-way into, through, across, under or over any part of any lands or grounds not shown and mentioned in such map or plan and book of reference as being required for such purpose, or as being within two miles of the said line and of the places assigned therein to the said works respectively, (save in such instances as are herein specially provided for), without the consent of the party or parties who could under the provisions of this Act convey such lands.

X. And be it enacted, That the said Company may make carry or place their said intended Railway and works into, across or upon the lands of any person or party whomsoever on the line aforesaid or within the distance aforesaid from such line, although the name of such party be not entered in the said book of reference through error, want of sufficient information, or any other cause, or although some other person or party be erroneously mentioned as the owner of or party entitled to convey or interested in such lands.

XI. And be it enacted, That the lands or grounds to be taken or used for such intended Rail-way, and the ditches, drains and fences to separate the same from the adjoining lands, shall not exceed thirty yards in breadth except in such places where the said intended Railway shall be raised more than five feet higher, or cut more than five feet deeper than the present surface of the land, or in such places where it shall be judged necessary to have off-sets for the locomotives or other engines and carriages using the said intended Rail-way to be or pass each other (and not above one hundred yards in breadth in any such place), or where any houses, warehouses, wharves, toll-houses, watch-houses, weighing-beams, cranes, fixed engines or inclined planes, may be intended to be erected, or goods, wares or merchandize be delivered (and then not more than two hundred yards in length by one party who can, under the provisions of this Act, convey such lands to the said Company; and the places at which such extra breadth is to be taken, shall be shown on the said map or plan, so far as the same may be then ascertained, but their not being so shown shall not prevent the Company from taking such extra breadth provided it be taken upon the line shewn or within the distance aforesaid from such line: Provided always, that no land shall be taken by the said Company from any public highway, (except only as hereinbefore provided), but their right shall be limited to the laying down across the same, that is in the line of the said Rail-way at whatever angle it may intersect such highway, the rails and other contrivances forming part of the said Rail-way, subject to the limitations mentioned in the third and fifth Sections or any other part of this Act; nor shall any land or property vested in Her Majesty, or in any party in trust for Her Majesty, except under the next following section, be taken by the said Company without the consent of Her Majesty or of the party in whom the same shall be vested in trust.

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XII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to take, use, occupy and hold, but not to alienate, so much of the public beach or of the land covered with the water of the Rivers Ottawa and St. Lawrence (not exceeding the quantity limited in the next preceding section), as may be required for the Rail-way and other works which they are hereby authorized to construct, doing no damage to nor causing any obstruction in the navigation of the said rivers.

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XIII. And be it enacted, That after any lands or grounds shall be set out and ascertained in manner aforesaid, for making and completing the said Rail-way and other works, and other the purposes and conveniences hereinbefore mentioned, it shall and may be lawful for all bodies politic, corporate or collegiate, corporations aggregate or sole, communities, tenants in tail or for life, guardians, curators, executors, administrators, and all other trustees or persons whatsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their heirs and successors, but also for and on behalf of those whom they represent, whether infants, issue unborn, lunatics, idiots, *femes-covert*, or other persons or parties who are or shall be seized, possessed of or interested in any lands or grounds which shall be so set out and ascertained as aforesaid, or any part thereof, to contract for, sell and convey unto the said Company all or any part of such lands or grounds which shall under this Act be set out and ascertained as aforesaid; and that all contracts, agreements, sales, conveyances, and assurances so to be made, shall be valid and effectual in law to all intents and purposes whatsoever; any law, statute, usage or custom to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding; and that all bodies politic, corporate or collegiate, or communities, and all persons whatsoever, so conveying as aforesaid, are hereby indemnified for what he, she or they, or any of them shall respectively do by virtue of or in pursuance of this Act: Provided always, that before the map or plan and book of reference shall be deposited as aforesaid, and before the lands required for the said Railway and works shall be set out and ascertained, it shall be lawful for any party who might under this Act convey any lands to the said Company, if the same were so set out and ascertained, to agree with the Company for the price to be paid for such lands if they shall be thereafter so set out and ascertained; and such agreement shall be binding, and the price agreed upon shall be the price to be paid by the Company for the same lands, if they shall be afterwards so set out and ascertained, within one year from the date of such agreement, and although such land may in the mean-time have become the property of a third party; and possession of the same may be taken and the agreement and the price may be dealt with, and if such price had been fixed by an award of arbitrators as hereinafter mentioned, and the agreement shall be in the place of an award.

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XIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That any body politic, community, corporation or other like party who cannot in common course of law sell or alienate any lands or grounds so set out and ascertained, shall agree upon a fixed annual rent as an equivalent, and not upon a principal sum, to be paid for the lands or grounds so set out and ascertained as necessary for making the said Rail-

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XV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That whenever there shall be more than one party proprietor of any land or property as joint-tenants or tenants in common, any agreement made in good faith between the said Company and any party or parties proprietor, or being together proprietors of one third or more of such land or property, as to the amount of compensation for the same or for any damages thereto, shall be binding as between the remaining proprietor or proprietors, joint-tenants or tenants in common and the Company; and the proprietor or proprietors who have so agreed, may deliver possession of such land or property to the Company, or empower them to enter upon the same, as the case may be.

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XVI. And be it enacted, That so soon as the said Map or Plan and Book of Reference shall have been deposited as aforesaid, and notice of their being so deposited shall have been given during at least one calendar month in at least one newspaper published in each of the Counties through which the said Rail-way is intended to pass, it shall be lawful for the said Company to apply to the several owners of or parties hereby empowered to convey the lands through which such Rail-way is intended to be carried, or which may suffer damage from the taking of materials, or the exercise of any of the powers granted to the said Company by this Act, and to agree with such owners or parties respectively, touching the compensation to be paid to them by the said Company for the purchase thereof, and for their respective damages, and to make such agreements and contracts with the said parties touching the said lands, or the compensation to be paid for the same, or for the damages, or as to the mode in which the said compensation shall be ascertained, as to such parties and the said Com-
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pany shall seem expedient; and in case of disagreement between the said Company and the said owners or parties, or any of them, then all questions which shall arise between them and the said Company shall be settled as follows, that is to say:

The deposit of the Map or Plan and Book of Reference, and the notice of such deposit, given as aforesaid, shall be deemed a general notice to all such parties as aforesaid, of the lands which will be required for the said Rail-way and works.

The Company shall serve a notice upon the opposite party, containing—a description of the lands to be taken, or of the powers intended to be exercised with regard to any lands (describing them)—a declaration that the Company are ready to pay some Offer.

certain sum (or rent, as the case may be,) as compensation for such lands or for the damages arising from the exercise of such power—and the name of a person whom they may appoint as their Arbitrator if their offer be not accepted; and such notice shall be accompanied by the certificate of some sworn Surveyor for Upper Canada, disinterested in the matter, and not being the Arbitrator named in the notice, that the land, (if the notice relate to the taking of land,) is shewn on the Map or Plan deposited as aforesaid, as being required for the said Rail-way and works, or as being within the limits of deviation hereby allowed from the line of the said Rail-way, that he knows such land, or the amount of damages likely to arise from the exercise of such powers, and that the sum so offered is, in his opinion, a fair compensation for such land and for such damages as aforesaid.

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If the opposite party be absent from the County in which the lands lie or be unknown to the said Company, then upon application to the County Judge for such County, accompanied by such certificate as aforesaid, and by an affidavit of some Officer of the Company, that such opposite party is so absent, or that after diligent inquiry the party on whom the notice ought to be served cannot be ascertained, such Judge shall order a notice as aforesaid (but without the certificate,) to be inserted three times in the course of one calendar month in some newspaper published in the said County.

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If within ten days after the service of such notice, or within one month after the first publication thereof as aforesaid, the opposite party shall not notify to the Company that he accepts the sum offered by the said Company, or notify to them the name of a person whom he appoints as Arbitrator, then such County Judge as aforesaid shall, on the application of the said Company, appoint some sworn Surveyor for Upper Canada, to be sole Arbitrator for determining the compensation to be paid by the Company.

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If the opposite party shall, within the time aforesaid, notify to the said Company the name of the person such party shall appoint as Arbitrator, then the said two Arbitrators shall jointly appoint a third, or if they cannot agree upon a third, then the County Judge of the County in which the lands lie, shall, on the application of the said party or of the Company, (previous notice of at least one clear day having been given to the other party,) appoint a third Arbitrator.

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The said Arbitrators, or any two of them, or the sole Arbitrator, being sworn before some Justice of the Peace for the County in which the lands lie as aforesaid, faithfully and impartially to perform the duties of their office, shall proceed to ascertain the compensation to be paid by the Company, in such way as they or he, or a majority of them, shall deem best, and the award of such Arbitrators, or of any two of them, or of the sole Arbitrator, shall be final and conclusive: Provided that no such award shall be made, or any official act done by such majority, except at a meeting held at a time and place of which the other Arbitrator shall have had at least one clear day's notice, or to which some meeting at which the third Arbitrator was present shall have been adjourned; but no notice to the Company or opposite party shall be necessary, but they shall be held sufficiently notified through the

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Provided always, if in any case where three Arbitrators shall have been appointed, the sum awarded be not greater than that offered by the Company, the costs of the arbitration shall be borne by the opposite party, and deducted from the compensation; otherwise, they shall be borne by the Company, and in either case they may, if not agreed upon, be taxed by the County Judge aforesaid.

The Arbitrators, or a majority of them, or the sole Arbitrator, may examine on oath or solemn affirmation, the parties or such witnesses as shall voluntarily appear before him or them, and may administer such oath or affirmation; and any wilful false statement made by any witness, under such oath or affirmation, shall be deemed wilful and corrupt perjury, and punishable accordingly.

The County Judge by whom any third Arbitrator or sole Arbitrator shall be appointed, shall at the same time, fix a day on or before which the award shall be made, and if the same be not made on or before such day, or some other day to which the time for making it shall have been prolonged, either by the consent of the parties, or by the order of the said County Judge, (as it may be for reasonable cause shown, on the application of such sole Arbitrator or one of the Arbitrators after one clear day's notice to the others,) then the sum offered by the Company as aforesaid shall be the compensation to be paid by them.

If the party appointed by such Judge as third Arbitrator or sole Arbitrator shall die before the award be made, or shall be disqualified, or refuse or fail to act within a reasonable time, then upon the application of either party, the County Judge being satisfied by affidavit or otherwise of such disqualification, refusal or failure, may, in his discretion, appoint another in his stead; and, if the Arbitrator appointed by the said Company or by the opposite party shall die before the award shall be made, or shall leave the Province or become unable to act within a reasonable time, (such fact being ascertained to the satisfaction of the Judge as attested by his Certificate to that effect,) the said Company or the opposite party (as the case may be,) may appoint another in his stead, notifying the other Arbitrators of such appointment; but no recommencement or repetition of prior proceedings shall be required in any case.

The Company may desist from any such notice as aforesaid, and afterwards give new notice with regard to the same or other lands, to the same or any other party, but they shall in any such case be liable to the party first notified for all damages or costs by him incurred in consequence of such first notice and desistment.

It shall be no disqualification to the Surveyor or other person offered or appointed as Valuator, or as Arbitrator, that he be professionally employed by the Company or by the opposite party, or that he have previously expressed an opinion as to the amount of compensation, or that he be related or of kin to any member of the Company, provided he be not himself personally interested in the amount of such compensation; and no cause of disqualification shall be urged against any Arbitrator appointed by the County Judge after his appointment, but shall be made before the same, and its

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validity or invalidity shall be summarily determined by such Judge; and no cause of disqualification shall be urged against any Arbitrator appointed by the company or by the opposite party, after the appointment of a third Arbitrator; and the validity or invalidity of any cause of disqualification urged against any such Arbitrator, before the appointment of a third Arbitrator, shall be summarily determined by any Justice of the said Court on the application of either party, after one clear day's notice to the other, and if such cause be determined to be valid, the appointment shall be null, and the party offering the person so adjudged to be disqualified, shall be held to have appointed no Arbitrator.

No award made as aforesaid shall be invalidated by any want of form or other technical objection, if the requirements of this Act shall have been complied with, and if the award shall state clearly the sum awarded, and the lands or other property, right or thing for which such sum is to be the compensation; nor shall it be necessary that the party or parties to whom the sum is to be paid be named in the award.

XVII. And be it enacted, That upon payment or legal tender of the compensation or annual rent so awarded, agreed upon or determined as aforesaid to the party entitled to receive the same, or upon the deposit of the amount of such compensation in the manner hereinafter mentioned, the award or agreement shall vest in the said Company the power forthwith to take possession of the lands or to exercise the right or to do the thing for which such compensation or annual rent shall have been awarded or agreed upon; and if any resistance or forcible opposition shall be made by any person or party to their so doing, the County Judge may on proof to his satisfaction of such award or agreement, issue his Warrant to the Sheriff of the County, or to any Bailiff (as in his discretion may be most suitable), to put the said Company in possession, and to put down such resistance or opposition, which such Sheriff or Bailiff, taking with him sufficient assistance, shall accordingly do; Provided also, that such warrant may also be granted by any such Judge without such award or agreement, on affidavit to his satisfaction that the immediate possession of the lands or of the power to do the thing mentioned in the notice, is necessary to carry on some part of the said Railway or works with which the said Company are ready forthwith to proceed, and upon the said Company giving security to his satisfaction and in a sum which shall not be less than double the amount mentioned in the notice, to pay or deposit the compensation to be awarded within one month after the making of the award, with interest from the time possession shall be given and with such costs as may be lawfully payable by the Company.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That the compensation awarded as aforesaid or agreed upon by the said Company, and any party who might under this Act validly convey the lands, or then in lawful possession thereof as proprietor, for any lands which might be lawfully taken under this Act without the consent of the proprietor, shall stand in the stead of such lands; and any claim to or incumbrance upon the said land, or any portion thereof, shall, as against the said Company, be converted into a claim to the said compensation, or to a like proportion thereof, and they shall be responsible

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XIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That with regard to any lands which could not be taken without the consent of some party entitled under this Act to convey the same, or in any case in which the requirements of this Act shall not have been complied with, and in all cases where land shall have been taken or damage shall have been done by the Company, without previously complying with the requirements of this Act, the rights of the Company and of other parties shall be governed by the ordinary rules of law.

XX. And be it enacted, That all suits for indemnity for any damage or injury sustained by reason of the powers and authority given by this Act shall be made within six calendar months next after the time of such supposed damage sustained, or in case there

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Punishment for breaking down or obstructing the Railroad.

Company to contribute the necessary sums for carrying on their undertaking.

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Books of subscription to be opened.

shall be a continuation of damage, then within six calendar months next after the doing or committing such damage shall cease, and not afterwards, and the defendant or defendants shall and may plead the general issue, and give this Act and the special matter in evidence at any trial to be had thereupon, and may aver that the same was done in pursuance and by authority of this Act.

XXI. And be it enacted, That if any person shall by any means or in any manner or way whatsoever, obstruct or interrupt the free use of the said Rail-way, or the carriages, vessels, engines or other works incidental or relative thereto, or connected therewith, such person shall for every such offence be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall on conviction thereof be punished by imprisonment in the Provincial Penitentiary for a term not to exceed five years.

XXII. And be it enacted, That if any person or persons shall wilfully and maliciously, and to the prejudice of the said Rail-way authorized to be made by this Act, break, throw down, damage or destroy the same, or any part thereof, or any of the houses, ware-houses, toll-houses, watch-houses, weigh-beams, cranes, carriages, vessels, engines, inclined planes, machines or other works or devices incidental and relative thereto or connected therewith, or do any other wilful hurt or mischief, or wilfully or maliciously obstruct or interrupt the free use of the said Rail-way, vessels or works, or shall obstruct, hinder or prevent the carrying on, completing, supporting and maintaining the said intended Rail-way, vessels or works, such person or persons shall be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, unless the offence committed shall under some other Act or Law amount to a felony, in which case such person shall be adjudged guilty of a felony, and the Court by and before whom such person or persons shall be tried and convicted shall have power and authority to cause such person or persons to be punished in like manner as persons guilty of misdemeanors, or felons (as the case may be) are directed to be punished by the laws in force in this Province.

XXIII. And to the end that the said Company may be enabled to carry on so useful an undertaking, Be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company and their successors, to raise and contribute among themselves, in such proportions as to them shall seem meet and convenient, a competent sum of money for the making and completing the said Rail-way and all such other works, matters and conveniences as may be found necessary for making, effecting, preserving, improving, completing, maintaining and using the said Rail-way and other works: Provided always, that the before mentioned Nicholas Sparks, Charles Sparrow, Lyman Perkins, Joseph Aumond, James Brough, Edward McGillivray, William H. Thompson, Peter A. Eglison, Peter R. Reil, Thomas Corcoran, Donald McArthur, Andrew Main, George Patterson, Workman and Griffin, John Durie, John Forgie, George W. Baker, Augustus Keefer, Agar Yielding, John Wade, Richard W. Scott, Robert Lees, John L. Campbell, Edward Masse, William Torney, Joseph B. Turgeon, John Bedard, John Mackinnon, Richard Stethem, George R. Johnston, George Byron Lyon, John Scott, Samuel Crane, Alfred Hooker, Chauncy H. Peck, William Patrick,

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XXIV. And be it enacted, That the said sum of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds currency, or such part thereof as shall be raised by the several persons hereinbefore named, and by such other person or persons who shall or may at any time become a subscriber or subscribers to the said Railway, shall be divided and distinguished into fifteen thousand equal parts or shares at a price not exceeding ten pounds currency aforesaid, per share; and that the said fifteen thousand shares be deemed personal estate, and shall be transferable as such; and that the said shares shall be and are hereby vested in the said several subscribers, and their several respective heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, to their and every of their proper use and behoof, proportionally to the sum they and each of them shall severally subscribe and pay thereunto; and that every the bodies politic, corporate or collegiate, or community, and all and every person or persons, their several and respective successors, executors, curators, administrators and assigns, who shall severally subscribe and pay the sum of ten pounds, or such sum or sums as shall be demanded in lieu thereof, for carrying on and completing the said Railway, shall be entitled to and receive, after the said Railway shall be completed, an equal net distribution of the profits and advantages that shall arise and accrue by virtue of the sum and sums of money to be raised, recovered or received by the authority of this Act, in proportion to the number of shares so held; and every body politic, corporate or collegiate, or community, person or persons, having such property of one fifteen thousandth part in the said undertaking, and so in proportion as aforesaid, shall be and pay an equal and proportional sum of money toward carrying on the said undertaking in manner by this Act directed and appointed.

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XXV. And be it enacted, That in case the said sum of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds hereinbefore authorized to be raised, shall be found insufficient for the purposes of this Act, then and in such case it shall be lawful for the said Company to raise and contribute among themselves, in manner and form aforesaid, and in such shares and proportions as to them shall seem meet, or by the admission of new subscribers, a further or other sum of money for completing and perfecting the said intended Railway and other works or conveniences incidental or relative thereto, or hereby authorized, not exceeding the sum of one hundred thousand pounds currency, aforesaid; and every subscriber towards raising such further or other sum of money shall be proprietor in the said undertaking, and have a like right of voting in respect of his, her or their shares in the said additional sum so to be raised, and shall also be liable to such obligations, and stand interested in all the profits and powers of the said undertaking, in proportion to the sum he, she or they shall or may subscribe thereto, as generally and extensively as if such other or further sum had been originally raised as a part of the said first sum of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds; anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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XXVI. And be it enacted, That the said Company may from time to time lawfully borrow either in this Province or elsewhere such sum or sums of money, as they may find expedient, and at such rate of interest not exceeding eight per cent. per annum, as they may think proper; and may make the bonds, debentures or other securities, they shall grant for the sums so borrowed, payable either in currency or in sterling, and at such place or places within or without this Province as they may deem advisable, and shall have authority to sell the same at such prices or discount as may be deemed expedient or as shall be necessary, and may hypothecate or pledge the lands, tolls, revenues, and other property of the said Company for the due payment of the said sums and the interest thereon, but no such debenture shall be for a less sum than twenty-five pounds.

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XXVII. And be it enacted, That the number of votes to which each Shareholder in the said undertaking shall be entitled on every occasion when in conformity to the provisions of this Act the votes of the Members of the said Company are to be given, shall be in the proportion to the number of shares held by him; and all Shareholders, whether resident in this Province or elsewhere, may vote by proxy, if he, she or they shall see fit, provided that such proxy do produce from his constituent or constituents, an appointment in writing, in the words or to the effect following, that is to say:

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And such vote or votes by proxy shall be as valid as if such principal or principals had voted in person; and whatever question, election of proper Officers, or matters or things shall be proposed, discussed, or considered in any public meeting of the Shareholders to be held by virtue of this Act, shall be determined by the majority of votes and proxies then present and so given as aforesaid, and all decisions and acts of any such majority shall bind the said Company and be deemed the decision and acts of the Company.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That no Shareholder in the said Company shall be in any manner whatsoever liable for or charged with any debt or demand due by the said Company beyond the payment of the extent of his, her or their share in the Capital of the said Company not paid up.

Non-liability of Shareholders.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That the first General Meeting of the Shareholders for putting this Act in execution, may be held at Bytown whenever two thousand and five hundred shares in the said undertaking shall have been subscribed for, provided that public notice thereof be given during one week in some newspaper or newspapers published in the County of Carleton or in the County of Grenville and signed by subscribers to the said undertaking holding among them at least two hundred shares; and at such said General Meeting the Shareholders assembled, with such proxies as shall be present, shall choose thirteen persons, being each a Proprietor of not less than twenty shares in the said undertaking, to be Directors of the said Company, in such manner as is hereinafter directed, and shall also proceed to pass such Rules and Regulations and By-Laws as shall seem to them fit, provided they be not inconsistent with this Act.

The first general meeting to be held in Bytown.

To elect a board of thirteen Directors.

XXX. And be it enacted, That the Directors first appointed (or those appointed in their stead in case of vacancy) shall remain in office until the election of Directors in the month of May next ensuing, and that in the month of May in the said year and each year thereafter, and on such day of the month as shall be appointed by any By-Law, an Annual General Meeting of the said Shareholders shall be held at the Office of the Company for the time being, to choose Directors in the room of those whose office may at that time become vacant, and generally to transact the business of the Company: Provided always, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors in case of the death, absence, resignation or removal of any person elected a Director to manage the affairs of the said Company in manner aforesaid, to appoint another or others in the room or stead of those of the Directors who may die, or be absent, resign, or be removed as aforesaid; any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding; but if such appointment be not made, such death, absence or resignation shall not invalidate the acts of the remaining Directors.

Proviso. Vacancies how filled.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That the Directors shall, at their first (or at some other) Meeting after the day appointed for the Annual General Meeting in each year, elect one of their Members

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said Company, as well in contracting for and purchasing lands, rights, and materials for the use of the said Company, as in employing, ordering and directing the work and workmen, and in placing and removing under officers, clerks, servants and agents, and in making all contracts and bargains touching the said undertaking; and to affix, or authorize any person to affix the common seal of the Company to any act, deed, by-laws, notice or other document whatsoever; and any such act, deed, by-laws, notice or other document, bearing the common seal of the Company, and signed by the President, Vice-President, or any Director, or by order of the Directors, shall be deemed the Act of the Directors and of the Company, nor shall the authority of the signer of any document purporting to be so signed and sealed, to sign the same and affix the said seal thereto, be liable to be called in question by any party except the Company; and the Directors shall have such other and further powers as, being vested in the Company by this Act, shall be conferred upon the said Directors by the By-laws of the Company.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That the owner or owners of one or more shares in the said undertaking shall pay his, her or their shares and proportion of the moneys to be called for as aforesaid, to such person or persons, and at such time and place as the said Directors shall from time to time appoint and direct, of which three weeks' notice at least shall be given in one newspaper as aforesaid, or in such other manner as the said Shareholders shall by any By-law direct or appoint; and if any person or persons shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her or their rateable or proportionable part or share of the said money, to be called for as aforesaid, at the time and place so appointed, he, she or they neglecting or refusing shall forfeit a sum not exceeding the rate of ten pounds for every hundred pounds of his, her or their respective share of shares in the said undertaking; and in case such person or persons shall neglect to pay his, her or their rateable calls as aforesaid for the space of two calendar months after the time appointed for the payment thereof as aforesaid, then he, she or they shall forfeit his, her or their respective share and shares in the said undertaking, and all the profit and benefit thereof; all which forfeiture shall go to the rest of the Shareholders of the said undertaking, their successors and assigns, for the benefit of the said Shareholders, in proportion to their respective interests; and in every case such calls shall be payable with interest from the time the same shall be appointed to be paid until the payment thereof:— Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the said Company to sue for and recover the amount of any such call or calls, and interest, from any subscriber of stock, or his Assignee, at the option of the Company, or the personal representatives of any Shareholder, neglecting to pay the same when due; and in any such action it shall be sufficient to state in the declaration that the defendant is a Shareholder of a certain number of shares in the stock of the said Company, or the personal representative of such Shareholder therein; that certain call or calls have been made, and that the defendant is indebted to the Company in the sum remaining due and unpaid on such calls, and interest thereon, without alleging the election of the Directors, or any other special

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matter, or naming the Directors or any of them; and to maintain such action it shall be sufficient to prove by any one witness, whether in the service of the Company or not, that the defendant subscribed for or accepted the transfer of so many shares of the stock of the Company, or is the personal representative of some person who subscribed for or accepted the transfer thereof; and that the calls were duly made, and that a certain sum remains unpaid thereon.

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XXXVI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no advantage shall be taken of the forfeiture of any share or shares of the said undertaking, unless the same shall be declared to be forfeited at some Annual or Special Meeting of the said Company, assembled after such forfeiture shall be incurred; and every such forfeiture shall be an indemnification to and for every Shareholder so forfeiting against all action and actions, suits or prosecutions whatever, to be commenced or prosecuted for any breach of contract or other agreement between such Shareholder and the other Shareholders with regard to carrying on the said Rail-way or undertaking.

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XXXVII. And be it enacted, That the said Company shall always have power and authority at any General Meeting assembled as aforesaid, to remove any person or persons chosen upon such Board of Directors as aforesaid, and to elect others to be Directors in the room of those who shall die, resign or be removed, and to remove any other Officer or Officers under them, and to revoke, alter, amend or change any of the By-laws or Orders prescribed with regard to their proceedings amongst themselves (the method of calling General Meetings, and their time and place of assembling, and manner of voting, and of appointing Directors, only, excepted,) and shall have power to make such new Rules, By-laws and Orders for the good government of the said Company and their servants, agents and workmen, for the good and orderly making, maintaining and using the said Rail-way and all other works connected therewith or belonging thereto, or hereby authorized, and for the well governing of all persons whatsoever travelling upon or using the said Railway and other works, or transporting any goods, wares, merchandize or other commodities thereon; and by such By-laws to impose and inflict such fines or forfeitures upon the persons guilty of a breach of such By-laws or Orders as to such General Meeting shall seem meet, not exceeding the sum of twenty-five pounds, current money of this Province, for every offence; such fines or forfeitures to be levied and recovered by such ways and means as are hereinafter mentioned, which said By-laws and Orders shall be put into writing under the common seal of the said Company, and shall be kept in the office of the Company, and a printed or written copy of so much of them as may relate to or affect any party other than the members or servants of the Company, shall be affixed openly in all and every of the places where tolls are to be gathered, and in like manner as often as any change or alteration shall be made to the same; and the said By-laws and Orders so made and published as aforesaid, shall be binding upon and observed by all parties, and shall be sufficient in any Court of Law or Equity to justify all persons who shall act under the same, and any copy of the said By-laws, or any of them, certified

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XXXVIII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Municipal Corporation of any County, City, Town, Incorporated Village or Township through or within or in the immediate vicinity of which the said Rail-way shall pass, to subscribe for Stock of the said Company; Provided a majority of the assessed inhabitants of the Municipality shall have first given their assent to such subscription and to the sum to be subscribed for at a meeting to be called by the Head of such Municipal Corporation, due notice of which shall be given in such manner as the said Corporation shall direct; and the sums required to pay the amount so subscribed, may be raised in any manner in which money may be raised for paying any lawful debt of the Corporation.

XXXIX. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the several Proprietors of the said Rail-way or undertaking to sell or dispose of his, her or their share or shares therein, subject to the rules and conditions herein mentioned; and every purchaser shall have a duplicate of the deed of bargain and sale and conveyance made unto him or her, and one part of such deed, duly executed by seller and purchaser, shall be delivered to the said Directors or their clerk for the time being, to be filed and kept for the use of the said Company, and an entry thereof shall be made in a book or books to be kept by the said Clerk for that purpose, for which no more than one shilling and three pence shall be paid, and the said Clerk is hereby required to make such entry accordingly; and until such duplicate of such deed shall be so delivered to the said Directors or their Clerk, and filed and entered as above directed, such purchaser or purchasers shall have no part or share of the profits of the said undertaking, nor any interest for the said share or shares, paid unto him, her or them, nor any vote as a Proprietor or Proprietors.

XL. And be it enacted, That the sale of the said shares shall be in the form following, varying the names and descriptions of the contracting parties, as the case may require:

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"Rules and Orders, and on the same conditions that I held the
"same immediately before the execution hereof. And I, the said
"C. D, do hereby agree to accept the said
"share (or shares) subject to the same Rules, Orders,
"and Conditions. Witness our hands and seals, this
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always, that no such transfer of any share shall be valid until all calls or instalments then due thereon shall have been paid up.

XLI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful to and for the said Directors, and they are hereby authorized from time to time to nominate and appoint a Treasurer or Treasurers, and a Clerk

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- enter and Clerks, or Clerks, to the said Company, taking such security for the due execution of their respective offices as the Directors shall think proper; and such clerk shall in a proper book or books enter and keep a true and perfect account of the names and places of abode of the several Shareholders in the stock of the said Company, and of the several persons who shall from time to time become owners and proprietors of, or entitled to any share or shares therein, and of all the other acts, proceedings and transactions of the said Company, and of the Directors for the time being, by virtue of and under the authority of this Act.
- Company may establish tolls. XLII. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company from time to time, and at all times hereafter, to ask, demand, take and recover, to and for their own proper use and behoof, for all goods, wares, merchandize and commodities, of whatever description, transported upon the said Rail-way or in said steamboats or vessels, such tolls as they shall deem expedient, which said tolls shall be from time to time fixed and regulated by By-laws of the Company, or by the Directors if thereunto authorized by the said By-laws, and shall be paid to such person or persons, and at such place or places near to the said Rail-way, in such manner and under such regulations as the said Company or the said Directors shall direct and appoint; and in case of denial or neglect of payment of any such rates or dues, or any part thereof, on demand, to the person or persons appointed to receive the same as aforesaid, the said Company may sue for and recover the same in any Court having competent jurisdiction, or the person or persons to whom the said rates or dues ought to be paid, may and he is, and they are hereby empowered to seize and detain such goods, wares, merchandize or other commodities, for or in respect whereof such rates or dues ought to be paid, and detain the same until payment thereof; and in the mean time the said goods, wares, merchandize or other commodities shall be at the risk of the owner or owners thereof; and the said Company shall have full power, from time to time by By-law to be made at any General Meeting, to lower or reduce all or any of the said tolls, and again to raise the same, as often as it shall be deemed necessary for the interests of the said undertaking: Provided always, that the same tolls shall be payable at the same time and under the same circumstances upon all goods and upon all persons, so that no undue advantage, privilege or monopoly may be afforded to any person or class of persons by any By-laws relating to the said tolls: Provided also that no By-law respecting tolls, or affecting any other persons than the officers or members of the said Company, shall have force or effect until the same shall have been sanctioned and confirmed by the Governor of this Province, under his hand and Seal at Arms, and a copy thereof published in the *Canada Gazette*.
- How recovered if not duly paid. XLIII. And in order to ascertain the amount of the clear profits of the said undertaking, Be it enacted, That the said Company or the Directors of the said Company, shall and they are hereby required to cause a true, exact and particular account to be kept and annually made up and balanced on the Thirty-first day of December in each year, of the money collected and received by the said Company, or by the Directors or Treasurer of the said Company or
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otherwise, for the use of the said Company, by virtue of this Act, and of the charges and expenses attending the erecting, making, supporting, maintaining and carrying on their works, and of all other receipts and expenditure of the said Company or the said Directors; and at the general meetings of the Shareholders of the said undertaking, to be from time to time holden as aforesaid, a dividend shall be made out of the clear profits of the said under- taking, unless such meetings shall declare otherwise; and such dividend shall be at and after the rate of so much per share upon the several shares held by the Shareholders in the joint stock of the said Company, as such meeting or meetings shall think fit to appoint or determine; Provided always, that no dividend shall be made whereby the capital of the said Company shall be in any degree reduced or impaired, nor shall any dividend be paid in respect of any share, after a day appointed for payment of any call for money in respect thereof, until such call shall have been paid.

XLIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in all cases where there shall be a fraction in the distance which goods, wares, merchandize or other commodities or passengers shall be conveyed or transported on the said Rail-way, such fraction shall, in ascer- taining the said rates, be deemed and considered as a whole mile, and that in all cases where there shall be the fraction of a ton in the weight of any such goods, wares, merchandize or other com- modities, a proportion of the said rates shall be demanded and taken by the said Company of Proprietors, to the number of quarters of a ton contained therein; and in all cases where there shall be a fraction of a quarter of a ton, such fraction shall be deemed and considered as a whole quarter of a ton.

XLV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company, from time to time to make such Regulations by By-law for ascertaining and fixing the price or sum or sums of money to be charged or taken for the car- riage of any parcel not exceeding one hundred and twenty pounds weight as aforesaid, upon the said Rail-way or any part thereof, as to them shall seem fit and reasonable; and that the said Com- pany shall from time to time print and stick up, or cause to be printed and stuck up in their office, and in all and every of the places where the tolls are to be collected, in some conspicuous place there, a printed board or paper ascertaining all the tolls payable under this Act, and particularising the price or sum or sums of money to be charged or taken for the carriage of such parcels not exceeding one hundred and twenty pounds weight as aforesaid.

XLVI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the said Com- pany shall at all times when thereunto required by Her Majesty's Deputy Post-Master General, the Commander of the Forces, or any person having the superintendence or command of any Police Force, and with the whole resources of the Company if required, carry Her Majesty's Naval or Military Forces or Militia, and all artillery, ammunition, provisions or other stores for their use, and all Policemen, Constables and others, travelling on Her Majesty's Service, on their said Rail-way, on such terms and conditions and under such regulations as the said Company and the said Deputy Post-Master General, the Commander of the Forces, or person in command of any Police Force, respectively, shall agree upon, or

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if they cannot agree, then on such terms and conditions, and under such regulations as the Governor or Person administering the Government shall in Council make; and the Company may be required to provide a separate carriage for the Mail and the person or persons in charge thereof, and the said Company shall at any time when thereunto required by the Governor of this Province, or any person thereunto authorized by him, place any Electric Telegraph and the apparatus and operators they may have, at the exclusive use of the Government, receiving thereafter reasonable compensation for such service; provided also, that any further enactments which the Legislature of this Province may hereafter deem it expedient to make, with regard to the carriage of the said Mail or Her Majesty's Forces, and other persons and articles as aforesaid, or the rates to be paid for carrying the same, or in any way respecting the use of any Electric Telegraph or other service to be rendered by the Company to the Government, shall not be deemed an infringement of the privileges intended to be conferred by this Act.

XLVII. And be it enacted, That the said Company shall be and are hereby required and directed to take sufficient security, by one or more bond or bonds, in a sufficient penalty or penalties from their Treasurer, Receiver and Collectors for the time being of the moneys to be raised by virtue of this Act, for the faithful execution by such Treasurer, Receiver and Collectors, of his and their office and offices respectively.

XLVIII. And be it enacted, That all fines and forfeitures imposed by this Act, or which shall be lawfully imposed by any By-law to be made in pursuance thereof, (of which By-law, when produced, all Justices are hereby required to take notice,) the levying and recovering of which fines and forfeitures are not particularly herein directed, shall, upon proof of the offence before any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the district, either by the confession of the party or parties, or by the oath or affirmation of any one credible witness (which oath or affirmation such Justice or Justices are hereby empowered and required to administer without fee or reward) be levied by distress and sale of the offender's goods and chattels, by Warrant under the hand and seal or hands and seals of such Justice or Justices; and all such fines, forfeitures or penalties by this Act imposed or authorized to be imposed, the application whereof is not hereinbefore particularly directed, shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer or Receiver of the moneys to be raised by virtue of this Act, and shall be applied and disposed of for the use of the said Railway or undertaking, and the overplus of the money raised by such distress and sale, and after deducting the penalty and the expenses of the levying and recovering thereof, shall be returned to the owner of the goods so distrained and sold; and for want of sufficient goods and chattels whereof to levy the said penalty and expenses, the offender shall be sent to the Common Gaol for the County in which he shall have been convicted, there to remain without bail or mainprize for such term not exceeding one month such Justice or Justices shall think proper, unless such penalty or forfeiture and all expenses attending the same shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

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L. And be it enacted, That if any action or suit shall be brought or commenced against any person for any thing done or to be done in pursuance of this Act, or in the execution of the powers and authorities, or of the orders and directions hereinbefore given or granted, every such action or suit shall be brought or commenced within six calendar months next after the fact committed; or in case there shall be a continuation of damage, then within six calendar months next after the doing or committing such damage shall cease, and not afterwards; and the defendant or defendants in such action or suit shall and may plead the general issue, and give this Act and the special matter in evidence at any trial to be held thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the authority of this Act; and if it shall appear to have been so done, or if any action or suit shall be brought after the time so limited for bringing the same, or if the plaintiff or plaintiffs shall be non-suit, or discontinue his, her or their action or suit after the defendant or defendants shall have appeared, or if judgment shall be given against the plaintiff or plaintiffs, the defendant or defendants shall have full costs, and shall have such remedy for the same as any defendant or defendants hath or have for costs of suit in other cases by law.

L.I. And be it enacted, That any contravention of this Act by the said Company or by any other party, for which no punishment or penalty is herein provided, shall be a misdemeanor, and shall be punishable accordingly; but such punishment shall not exempt the said company (if they be the offending party) from the forfeiture of this Act and the privileges hereby conferred on them, if by the provisions thereof, or by law, the same be forfeited by such contravention.

L.II. And be it enacted, That the said Company, to entitle themselves to the benefits and advantages to them granted by this Act, shall and they are hereby required to make and deposit the map or plan and book of reference mentioned in the fourth Section of this Act within five years after the passing thereof, and to make and complete the said Rail-way from the River Ottawa to the River St. Lawrence in manner aforesaid, within ten years from the passing of this Act; and if the said map or plan and book of reference be not so made and deposited within the said five years, or if the said Rail-way shall not be so made and completed within the said period of ten years so as to be used by the public as aforesaid, then and in either case this Act and every matter and thing therein contained, shall cease and be utterly null and void.

L.III. And be it enacted, That the said Company shall annually submit to the three Branches of the Legislature, within the first fifteen days after the opening of each Session of the Provincial Parliament, after the opening of the said Rail-way or any part thereof to the public, a detailed and particular account, attested upon oath, of the moneys by them received and expended

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LIV. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to except the Rail-way by this Act authorized to be made, from the provisions of any general Act relating to Rail-ways which may be passed during the present or any future Session of Parliament.

LV. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall affect or be construed to affect, in any manner or way whatsoever, the rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, or of any person or persons, or of any bodies politic, corporate or collegiate, such only excepted as are herein mentioned.

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CAP. CXLVII, (14 & 15 Victoria.)

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Bytown and Prescott Railway Company.

[30th August, 1851.]

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the Act passed in the Province Session held in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act for the incorporation of a Rail-road Between Bytown and Prescott*;— c. 132.
Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for any fifteen persons, together owning Stock in the Bytown and Prescott Rail-way Company to an amount of not less than two hundred Shares, at any time to call a Special Meeting of the Shareholders of the said Company, and that thirty days' notice of such Special Meeting shall be given in one newspaper in Bytown, and in one newspaper in Montreal, and in one newspaper in Prescott, if a newspaper be published there, or in such manner as the Directors may have appointed by By-law; and such Special Meeting of Shareholders may be held in Bytown, Kemptville, or Prescott, according as those who call the meeting may think proper, and the notice calling such Special Meeting shall state the time and place at which the same shall be held, and the purpose for which it is required, and no business other than that named in such notice shall be transacted at any such Special Meeting of Shareholders.

Special meeting of Shareholders now called

II. And be it enacted, That the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, held at the office of the Company in the Town of Bytown, on Wednesday, the twenty-first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, under a By-law passed by the Board of Directors, is hereby declared to be, and to have been legal and valid to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been held under a By-law passed by the Shareholders at their first General Meeting, and all the proceedings at the said Annual General Meeting, as well the election of Directors as all other proceedings, are hereby declared legal and valid.

General meeting held on 21st May 1851, confirmed.

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Agents may vote
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Failure to hold
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III. And be it enacted, That hereafter the Directors of the said Company shall be elected on the second Monday in the month of May in each year, at such hour of the day and place as shall be appointed by the Directors of the previous year; and public notice of such Annual Election shall be published one month before the day of election in the *Canada Gazette*, and also fifteen days before the election in one newspaper in each Town, County, or City on the line of road; and that so much of section thirty-seven of the Act first above recited, as relates to the holding of Annual General Meetings, is hereby repealed.

IV. And be it enacted, That it is and shall be lawful for the President and Directors of the said Company, from time to time to fix, regulate and receive the Tolls and Charges to be received for the transmission of property or persons on the Bytown and Prescott Rail-road, subject always to the provisions in the said Act made, as to the confirmation by the Governor of any By-law imposing or regulating such Tolls.

V. And be it declared and enacted, That any Shareholder in the said Company, whether a British subject or alien, or a resident in Canada or elsewhere, has and shall have equal rights to hold Stock in the said Company, to vote on the same, and be eligible to office in the said Company.

VI. And be it enacted, That in case of accident, negligence of officers, or any other cause, no Annual General Meeting of Shareholders should be held, nor election of Directors made, as required by the Act incorporating the said Company, or by this Act, then and in such case the Corporation of the said Company shall not for that cause be deemed to be dissolved, but it shall and may be lawful on any day to hold a General Meeting of Shareholders, notice being given in like manner as for Special Meetings of Shareholders, and to make an election of Directors, in such manner as shall have been regulated by the By-laws and Regulations of the said Company.

VII. And be it enacted, That it is and shall be lawful for the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bytown, or for any other Municipal Corporation in this Province, to lend any sum of money, or to guarantee and become security for the payment of any sum of money borrowed by the said Bytown and Prescott Rail-way Company, after the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, from any other Corporation, or Company, or party, or to endorse or guarantee the payment of any Debentures to be issued by the said Company, for money borrowed by them after the said day; Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to increase the total amount of the Capital Stock which the said Company is now authorized by law to raise, or the total amount of money which it is now authorized to borrow.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the Municipal Corporation of any County, Town, Township or Village, who shall lend or guarantee the payment of any sum of money under this Act, have, and shall have, full power and authority to cause to be assessed and levied, from time to time, upon the whole rateable property of such County, City, Town, Township or Village, sufficient sums to enable them to discharge the obligations and engagements which they

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IX. And be it enacted, That any Debenture which any Corporation may have issued or may hereafter issue, under the Act first above cited incorporating the said Bytown and Prescott Railway Company, or under this Act, in payment of Stock subscribed by such Corporation in the Bytown and Prescott Rail-road, or which any such Corporation shall endorse or guarantee for the said Company, shall be valid and binding upon such Corporation, if signed or endorsed or countersigned by such Officer or Person, and in such manner and form as shall be or has been directed by any By-law of the Corporation; and it shall not be necessary that it be under the Seal of the Corporation, or that any further form be observed with regard to it, than such as shall be or has been directed in such By-law as aforesaid.

X. And be it enacted, That the Warden, Mayor or Town-Reeve, being the Head of any Municipal Corporation subscribing for and holding Shares in the Stock of the said Company, to the amount of Five Thousand Pounds or upwards, shall be *ex officio* one of the Directors of the said Company in addition to the Directors elected by the Shareholders pursuant to the Act incorporating the Company, and shall have the same rights, powers and duties as any of the other Directors of the said Company: Provided always, that any such Municipal Corporation whose Warden, Mayor or Town-Reeve shall be *ex officio* such Director as aforesaid, shall not vote or be entitled to vote in or for the election of the other Directors aforesaid elected by the Shareholders.

XI. And be it enacted, That no party or parties shall be entitled to vote at the Meetings of Shareholders who shall not have paid up all the calls due upon his, her or their Stock, or the Stock upon which such party claims to vote, at least eighteen hours before the hour appointed for any such meeting.

XII. And be it enacted, That any party or parties holding Stock in the said Company to the amount of one hundred Shares, or any amount less than one hundred Shares, shall at the meetings of Shareholders, have one Vote for each Share; and for any amount over one hundred Shares, and not over six hundred Shares, one Vote to two Shares; and for any amount over six hundred, and not over fifteen hundred Shares, one Vote to three Shares; and for any amount exceeding fifteen hundred Shares, one Vote to four Shares.

XIII. And be it enacted, That copies of the Minutes of Pro-

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Form of debentures issued by
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Scale of votes.

Effect of certain
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Notices, &c.
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Public Act

ceedings and Resolves of the Proprietors of Shares of the Capital Stock of the said Company, at any General or Special Meeting of Shareholders, and of Minutes of Proceedings and Resolves of the Directors at their meetings, extracted from the Book of Proceedings, or Books kept by the Secretary of the Company, and by him certified to be true copies, extracted from such Book or Books, shall be *prima facie* evidence of such Proceedings and Resolves in all Courts of Civil Jurisdiction; and all notices given by the Secretary of the Company, by order of the Directors, shall be deemed notices by the said Directors and Company.

XIV. And be it enacted, That so much of the Act first above cited incorporating the said Company, as may be inconsistent with this Act, shall be and is hereby repealed.

XV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act.

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CAP. LII.—(16 Victoria.)

An Act to Amend the Act Incorporating the Bytown and Prescott Railway Company.

[10th November, 1852.]

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to amend the Act passed in the Session held in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intitled, *An Act for the Incorporation of a Company to construct a Railroad between Bytown and Prescott*: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intitled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the sixth Section of the said first recited Act, be and the same is hereby repealed.

II. And be it enacted, That the space of the arch of any bridge erected for carrying the Bytown and Prescott Railway over or across any highway, shall at all times be and be continued of the open and clear breadth and space under such arch of not less than twenty feet, and of a height from the surface of such highway to the centre of such arch, of not less than twelve feet, and the descent under any such bridge shall not exceed one foot in twenty feet.

III. And be it enacted, That for the enregistration of the deeds and conveyances of the lands conveyed to *The Bytown and Prescott Railway Company*, for the purposes of the said Railway, Memorials shall not be necessary, but a book or books of copies of such deeds or conveyances shall be made by the said Company, and such copies of such deeds or conveyances of lands shall be deposited in the Registry Office of the County in which any such lands are situated, and the Registers are hereby required to receive and preserve such copies as records of the enregistration of all such deeds and conveyances respectively, and the Registers are also required to compare such copies with the original deeds or conveyances, and to certify upon each of such original deeds or con-

Sec. 6th of Act 13 & 14 Vic. cap. 132, repealed.

Bridges carrying Railway over or across any highway to be 20 feet high.

Enregistration of Deeds to be by book or books of copies thereof with the County Registrars, &c.

Originals to be certified by Registrars, &c.

Such enregistra-
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promissory notes
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Notes not to be
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The Company
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veyances that a copy thereof is duly deposited of record in the office as required by this Act, and such enregistration shall be to all intents and purposes good and sufficient in law, notwithstanding anything to the contrary thereof in anywise contained in any Statute of this Province respecting the enregistration of deeds or conveyances of lands; and such book shall be considered as the property of the County with whose Register it is deposited, and shall be called the Register Book of Titles of the Bytown and Prescott Railway Company, and every Register shall make an entry in the Index of the Register Book for each Township in which any land may lie, whereof the deed to such company may be registered in such book as aforesaid, and thereby refer to the page in such last mentioned Book where the said Deed is registered, in the same way as if it had been registered in the Register Book of such Township: Provided always, That the copies of all such Deeds as contained in such book, shall be proved on oath by a subscribing witness of each Deed, a copy of which is inscribed in such book, and in the same manner as Memorials are now proved, and the usual fees paid for the same.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Board of Directors of the said Company may employ one or more of their Directors, as paid Director or Directors.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Company shall have power to become parties to promissory notes or bills of exchange for sums not less than twenty-five pounds, and any such promissory notes made or endorsed, and any such bills of exchange drawn, accepted or endorsed by the President of the Company, or the Vice President, and countersigned by the Secretary and Treasurer as such, after the passing of this Act, shall be presumed to have been properly made, drawn and accepted, or endorsed, as the case may be, for the Company, until the contrary be shown; and in no case shall it be necessary to have the Seal of the Company affixed to any such bill of exchange or promissory note, nor shall the President, Vice President or Secretary or Treasurer of the Company, so making, drawing, accepting or endorsing any such promissory note or bill of exchange, be thereby subjected individually to any liability whatever: Provided always, that nothing in this clause shall be construed to authorize the said Company to issue any note payable to bearer, or any note intended to be circulated as money, or as notes of a bank; and provided also, that nothing in this section shall be construed either to impair, strengthen, or otherwise affect the rights of any person or persons holding bonds, bills of exchange, or promissory notes, executed, made, signed, or endorsed before the passing of this Act.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company, at any annual or special general meeting of the Shareholders, called in such manner as by law required, to declare that the shares, or any given number of the shares of the capital stock of the company remaining unsubscribed for, shall, on being subscribed for, entitle the holder thereof to a preference in the division of profits, in such manner and to such extent as by such Meeting of Shareholders shall be determined and

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VII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Directors of the said Company, to make and carry into effect any arrangement which they shall deem meet with any other Railway Company respecting the carriage of freight or passengers, or the working of their Rail-way and any other such Rail-way, or respecting the tolls to be charged for the carriage or freight, or passengers thereon.

Directors may
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freight, &c.

VIII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Directors of the said Company, to alter the gauge of the said road if they deem it advisable, to correspond with other roads in the Province.

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IX. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act.

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